

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.121, the following is a complete listing of the claims of the present application. The following listing of claims will replace all prior versions of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1.-64. (canceled)

65. (canceled)

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67. (withdrawn) An isolated filamentous polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into ordered aggregates, wherein at least one of the polypeptide subunits comprises a SCHAG amino acid sequence,

wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence includes at least one substitution of an amino acid residue having a reactive amino acid side chain, and

wherein the reactive side chain of the substituted amino acid is exposed to the environment of the polymer to permit subsequent attachment of a substituent thereto.

68.-80. (canceled)

81. (withdrawn) A purified fiber comprising an ordered aggregate of polypeptides that comprise an amino acid sequence that includes a SCHAG amino acid sequence, wherein the amino acid sequence has two amino acid residues having selectively reactive amino acid side chains that are exposed to the environment and serve as selectively reactive sites in ordered aggregates of the polypeptide.

82.-100. (canceled)

101. (withdrawn – currently amended) A purified fiber comprised of an ordered aggregate of polypeptides that comprise a SCHAG amino acid sequence, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence includes at least one substitution of an amino acid residue having a reactive amino acid side chain, and wherein the substituted amino acid is exposed to the environment in an ordered aggregate comprised of said polypeptides, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence that is at least 70% identical to a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, and 50, and prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

102. (canceled)

103. (withdrawn) A purified fiber according to claim 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises the SUP35 amino acids 2 through 113 of SEQ ID NO: 2, or prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

104. (withdrawn) A purified fiber according to claim 103, wherein the amino acid with the reactive amino acid side chain is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, serine, glutamate, aspartate, asparagine, glutamine, and arginine.

105. (withdrawn) A purified fiber according to claim 103, wherein the amino acid with the reactive amino acid side chain is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

106. (withdrawn) A purified fiber according to claim 103, wherein the amino acid with the reactive amino acid side chain is cysteine.

107. (withdrawn) A purified fiber according to claim 106, wherein the polypeptides further include an epitope tag.

108. (withdrawn) A fiber according to claim 106, wherein the polypeptides further include a polyhistidine tag.

109. (withdrawn) A fiber according to claim 106, wherein the polypeptides further include a substituent attached to the reactive amino acid side chain, the substituent selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting substituent, and a light altering substituent.

110. (withdrawn) A fiber according to claim 106, wherein the substituent is a metal atom.

111.-115. (canceled)

116. (canceled)

117. (withdrawn – currently amended) A fiber according to claim ~~116~~ 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 2, or prion aggregation domain fragments thereof, with the proviso that amino acid 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by ~~an amino acid selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.~~

118. (withdrawn) A fiber according to claim ~~116~~ 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises SEQ ID NO: 2, or prion aggregation domain fragments thereof, with the proviso that amino acid 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been

substituted for by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

119. (canceled)

120. (canceled)

121. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 144, wherein the polypeptide self-coalesces to form fibrous higher ordered aggregates.

122. (previously presented) A polypeptide according to claim 121, wherein amino acid 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 is exposed to the environment in the fibrous higher ordered aggregates.

123. (currently amended) A polypeptide according to claim 122, wherein amino acid 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 is substituted for by a cysteine or glutamate.

124. (withdrawn) A purified polypeptide comprising a SCHAG amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to amino acids 2 to 113 of SEQ ID NO: 2,

wherein the polypeptide self-coalesces into higher ordered aggregates,

wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, glutamate, aspartate, and argine at position 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2, and

wherein the reactable side chain is exposed to the environment in the polypeptide aggregates.

125. (withdrawn) A polypeptide according to claim 124, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence has exactly one of said amino acid with the reactive side chain.

126. (withdrawn) A purified polypeptide according to claim 124, wherein the substituted amino acid is a cysteine or a glutamate residue.

127. (withdrawn) A purified polypeptide comprising a SCHAG amino acid sequence that is at least 90% identical to amino acids 2 to 253 of SEQ ID NO: 2

wherein the polypeptide self-coalesces into higher ordered aggregates,

wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid with a reactable side chain selected from the group consisting of cysteine and arginine ~~argine~~ at position 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2; and

wherein the reactable side chain is exposed to the environment in the polypeptide aggregates.

128. (withdrawn) A polypeptide according to claim 127, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence has exactly one of said amino acid with the reactive side chain.

129. (withdrawn) A purified polypeptide according to claim 127, wherein the amino acid with the reactable side chain is a cysteine residue.

130. (withdrawn) A purified polypeptide according to claim 127, wherein the polypeptide has substantially the same fiber forming properties as a polypeptide comprising amino acids 2 to 253 of SEQ ID NO: 2, as assessed by electron microscopy of polypeptide aggregates, to assess fiber morphology, and congo red binding to assess fiber assembly kinetics.

131. (withdrawn) A purified polypeptide according to claim 127, wherein the polypeptide further exhibits substantially the same secondary structure as a polypeptide comprising 2 to 253 of SEQ ID NO: 2, as assessed by circular dichroism measurements at 208 and 222 nm.

132. (withdrawn) A polypeptide according to claim 124 comprising an amino acid sequence identical to amino acids 2 to 113 of SEQ ID NO: 2, except for said amino acid with the reactable side chain.

133. (withdrawn) A polypeptide according to claim 127 comprising an amino acid sequence identical to amino acids 2 to 253 of SEQ ID NO: 2, except for said amino acid with the reactable side chain.

134. (withdrawn) A polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into ordered aggregates, wherein at least one of the polypeptide subunits comprises a polypeptide according to claim 124 or 127.

135. (withdrawn) A polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into ordered aggregates, wherein all of the polypeptide subunits comprise a polypeptide according to claim 124 or 127.

136. (Canceled)

137. (withdrawn) A polymer according to claim 134 that has a fiber morphology.

138. (withdrawn) A polymer according to claim 137 attached to a solid support.

139. (previously presented) A fibrous polymer comprising polypeptide subunits coalesced into a fibrous aggregates, wherein at least one of the polypeptide subunits comprises a polypeptide according to any one of claims 144-145.

140. (withdrawn) A fibrous polymer according to claim 139, wherein the polymer is attached to a solid support.

141. (canceled)

142. (canceled)

143. (withdrawn) A polymer according to claim 67, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises a prion aggregation domain of a yeast protein.

144. (currently amended) A polypeptide comprising the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, with the proviso that amino acid 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by a cysteine or glutamate ~~an amino acid selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine~~, or comprising a fragment thereof that includes said substituted amino acid and that self-coalesces to form higher ordered aggregates.

145. (withdrawn) A polypeptide comprising the SCHAG amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO: 2, with the proviso that amino acid 2 of SEQ ID NO: 2 has been substituted for by an amino acid selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine, or comprising a fragment thereof that includes said substituted amino acid and that self-coalesces to form higher ordered aggregates.

146. (withdrawn - currently amended) A purified fiber according to claim 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence at least 95% ~~70%~~ identical to a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, and 50 and prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

147. (withdrawn – currently amended) A purified fiber according to claim 101, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence at least 90% identical to a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, and 50 and prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

148. (withdrawn) A purified fiber comprised of an ordered aggregate of polypeptides that comprise a SCHAG amino acid sequence,

wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence includes at least one amino acid residue having a reactive amino acid side chain that is exposed to the environment in an ordered aggregate comprised of said polypeptides, and

wherein the polypeptides further include a substituent attached to the reactive amino acid side chain, the substituent selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, and a catalyst.

149. (withdrawn - currently amended) A purified fiber according to claim 148, wherein the SCHAG amino acid sequence comprises an amino acid sequence at least 70% identical to a member selected from the group consisting of SEQ ID NOs: 2, 4, 17, 19, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 46, 47, and 50 and prion aggregation domain fragments thereof.

150. (New) A SCHAG polypeptide that comprises:

an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

- (a) amino acids 2-253 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- (b) amino acids 2-113 of SEQ ID NO: 2;
- (c) fragments of (a) or (b) that self coalesce into ordered aggregates;
- (d) amino acid sequences that are at least 70% identical to (a), (b), or (c) and that self-coalesce into ordered aggregates;
- (e) sequence variants of (a), (b), (c), or (d), wherein sequence variations from (a)-(d) consist of addition, deletion, or substitution of 1-20 amino acids; and
- (f) sequence variants of (a), (b), (c), or (d), wherein sequence variations from (a)-(d) consist of insertions or one or more sequences selected from the group consisting of: PQGGYQQYN (SEQ ID NO: 10) and variants of SEQ ID NO: 10 wherein one or two residues have been added, deleted, or substituted; and at least one substituent attached to the SCHAG polypeptide, wherein the at least one substituent is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting substituent, and a light altering substituent.

151. (New) A polypeptide according to claim 150, wherein the substituent is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, an antibody, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, and a catalyst.

152. (New) A polypeptide according to claim 151, wherein the substituent is attached to the side chain of an amino acid of the polypeptide, wherein the amino acid is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

153. (New) A polypeptide according to claim 152, wherein the amino acid is cysteine.

154. (New) A polypeptide according to claim 153, wherein the cysteine is substituted for position 2 or 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

155. (New) A polypeptide according to claim 150 that is attached to a solid support.

156. (New) A fiber comprised of:

SCHAG polypeptides coalesced into a fibrous ordered aggregate,

wherein the SCHAG polypeptides comprise an amino acid sequence selected from the group consisting of:

(a) amino acids 2-253 of SEQ ID NO: 2;

(b) amino acids 2-113 of SEQ ID NO: 2;

(c) fragments of (a) or (b) that self coalesce into ordered aggregates;

(d) amino acid sequences that are at least 70% identical to (a), (b), or (c) and that self-coalesce into ordered aggregates;

(e) sequence variants of (a), (b), (c), or (d), wherein sequence variations from (a)-(d) consist of addition, deletion, or substitution of 1-20 amino acids; and

(f) sequence variants of (a), (b), (c), or (d), wherein sequence variations from (a)-(d) consist of insertions or one or more sequences selected from the group consisting of: PQGGYQQYN (SEQ ID NO: 10) and variants of SEQ ID NO: 10 wherein one or two residues have been added, deleted, or substituted; and

at least one substituent attached to at least one polypeptide of the fiber, wherein the at least one substituent is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding

partner, a carbohydrate, a fluorescent dye, a chromatic dye, an antibody, a growth factor, a hormone, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, a catalyst, a light-harvesting substituent, and a light altering substituent.

157. (New) A fiber according to claim 155, wherein the at least one substituent is selected from the group consisting of an enzyme, a metal atom, an affinity binding molecule having a specific affinity binding partner, an antibody, a cell adhesion molecule, a toxin, a detoxicant, and a catalyst.

158. (New) A fiber according to claim 157, comprising at least two different substituents.

159. (New) A fiber according to claim 157, wherein the at least one substituent is attached to the side chain of an amino acid of the SCHAG polypeptides, wherein the amino acid is selected from the group consisting of cysteine, lysine, tyrosine, glutamate, aspartate, and arginine.

160. (New) A fiber according to claim 159, wherein the amino acid is cysteine.

161. (New) A fiber according to claim 160, wherein the cysteine is substituted for position 2 or 184 of SEQ ID NO: 2.

162. (New) A fiber according to claim 156 that is attached to a solid support.